

Care Program Introduction:

There 45 currently-funded AFL care programs entering their second, third and fourth years of implementation. All care programs are innovative examples of effective and appropriate partnerships between community organizations and the Federal government. Several projects have developed components that reach out to fathers as well as teen mothers, encouraging and teaching them to play vital roles in their children's lives.

These programs build on what is already known about preventing unhealthy risk behaviors and sexually transmitted diseases. They also enhance good parenting skills and help to reduce child abuse and neglect. The Title XX funds not only help the teens and families they serve directly, but also provide valuable information and evaluation findings that can serve as a basis for future strategies. Every program that receives AFL grant funds is required to include an independent evaluation component. This ensures that the lessons learned by each community will benefit others in the future.

CARE PROGRAM SUMMARIES:

Centers for Youth and Families

Little Rock, Arkansas

The Centers for Youth and Families is a non profit social service agency that provides a wide array of services. The Young Moms/Healthy Families program targets high risk pregnant and parenting teens, their infants, the fathers of the infants, siblings, and other family members. In-home visiting provides parenting information, modeling, assistance in finding preventive and emergency health care, transportation to and from pre and post-natal check-ups, and education on a wide array for issues including nutrition, child development and independent living skills. Additionally, a Young Dads program provides community parenting education and support groups for young fathers. Services are provided in collaboration with many local agencies. The program employs a strong Developmental Assets approach.

* Grant: \$250,000

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Healthy Connections, Inc.

Mena, Arkansas

The Healthy Connections, Inc. in Mena, Arkansas, a relatively recently-founded private, non-profit community health agency, is building on a highly successful pilot program initiated in 1998. The AFL project focuses on reducing child abuse and neglect by providing comprehensive health, education and social services to pregnant and parenting adolescents through a case management and home visitation approach. This approach is carried out through home visits to ensure that prenatal visits are kept, well baby checks, parenting education through use of the

PIPE curriculum. The approach is based on the Healthy Families Model, but uses paraprofessional or outreach workers instead of nurses as in the Olds Model.

Arkansas has the second highest adolescent pregnancy rates in the nation. This project serves a Medically Underserved Area (MUA) in Western Arkansas near the Oklahoma State line - the Ouachita Mountain Region of Western Arkansas. It is a very poor, rural community with many broken families. Teen pregnancy rates are high and child abuse and neglect among teen parents are soaring. The project is developing a young fathers' component in an additional effort to improve parenting skills, reduce child abuse and neglect, reduce the incidences of repeat pregnancy and increase the amount of emotional and financial support for young children.

* Grant: \$200,000

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Vista Community Clinic

Vista, California

Participants in this project have a "team" which includes the partner, family members, and other support members. Facilitators work with individual teens and their teams to identify strengths, needs, and solutions for a "care plan." The needs and strengths of the child and family are assessed and a child and family team is assembled to facilitate the developed goals and objectives. Services are brokered to meet the needs identified by the child and family and are obtained and monitored through agencies in the provider network or "natural supports" also identified by the family. Emphasis is placed on the teen as the primary focus for care, rather than the family, but this will only be a matter of emphasis. The teen and their team will meet monthly to review the plan which will take into account the teen's first language and culture. This approach increases care for children in the context of families, their culture, and their preferences. The Vista Community Clinic's three clinical sites and Health Promotion programs will serve as the referral agencies providing wraparound services to reduce repeat pregnancies. Clients are primarily Hispanic and staff are bi-lingual.

* Grant: \$308,000

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Children's Hospital and Health Center

San Diego, California

The targeted population for this care program is primarily Hispanic and encompasses counties of Northern San Diego with the highest rates of teen pregnancy. Based on a home-visiting model utilizing a team comprised of an outreach worker, peer mentor, nurse and social worker, the program provides comprehensive and individually based case management and educational services. In addition to the home visits, clients are recruited into parenting workshops with an educational component and an opportunity to practice parenting skills in front of program staff and peers. A young fathers support group, additional outreach workers and peer mentors have

been added to this successful program model. Transportation is provided to and from groups and program activities.

* Grant: \$270,000

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San Mateo County Health Services Agency

San Mateo, California

San Mateo County Health Services Agency is a public health department with a corps of experienced, professional public health nurses, community workers, benefits analysts, health educators, social workers et al that links all core and supplemental services in a way that clients will not only have these services available, but these professionals broker the services for them through social marketing, case management, continuous follow-up, etc. The grantee has the experience and expertise to avoid duplication and overlapping of services, to provide comprehensive health, education and social services to not only pregnant and parenting adolescents, but their infants, family members, male partners and young fathers. Clients are involved in all aspects of the services, including planning, evaluation and feedback. This is one of the most experienced and qualified agencies funded by AFL in terms of know how, capability, legality and comprehensiveness of services. This AFL project serves a mix of minority female clients, Filipinas, Latinas, Chinese, Pacific Islanders and African Americans, between the ages of 13 and 18 and males between the ages of 16 and 26. The project focuses not only on teenage pregnancy but also on poverty, low income clients, linguistic isolation in a County where over 42 % of residents were born outside the United States, 61% of Asians speak a language other than English and for 80% of Latinos, the main language is Spanish. The project uses persons of various ethnic and cultural backgrounds to match the clients and meet their needs. The project has developed a very promising evaluation plan focused on results.

* Grant: \$308,000

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La Clinica de la Raza

Oakland, California

La Clinica de la Raza is a private non-profit community health center with 30 years of experience providing comprehensive health services. The Teens and Tots project offers on-site prenatal care, primary care for males, and expanded case management and parenting education services for all Clinica Alta Vista (CAV) teen clinic patients. The clinic physician and mid-level providers provide a full range of diagnostic, educational and procedural interventions at regularly scheduled prenatal visits and a Nurse Case Manager provides referrals and follow-up as a key link between inpatient and outpatient care. With the AFL grant the CAV has enhanced case management services by hiring case managers to ensure young mothers and fathers receive necessary services and to strengthen rapport between the clinic and adolescent clientele.

* Grant: \$300,000

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CHI Mountain Region Foundation - St. Anthony's Hospitals

Colorado Springs, Colorado

Shared Beginnings program has increased the intensity of existing care services, expanded its access to Adam County and enhanced its male involvement component. Shared Beginnings program is designed to encourage a healthy pregnancy and early childhood with improved outcomes for mother and child and to promote the development of healthy, self-sufficient families through parenting education, mentoring and encouraging use of community resources. It presently targets pregnant and parenting teens aged 19 and younger, including young fathers of children born to teen mothers, of northeast and west communities of Metro Denver and Denver County. Services are extended to serve southwest Adams County. Shared Beginnings supports teen parents through case management, mentoring and education from pregnancy through each child's third birthday.

* Grant: \$267,145

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Hill Health Corporation

New Haven, Connecticut

Hill Health Corporation is a private, non-profit, federally qualified community health center that provides comprehensive health services including dental, medical, psychiatric, mental health, and related services to inner-city residents in a manner which will best meet their needs. This project enhances the agency's Young Parents Outreach Program (YPOP) for adolescents that reside in the Greater New Haven area. This program utilizes a comprehensive case management model developed by the Teenage Pregnancy and Parenting Project in San Francisco. The program's services are delivered via the therapeutic relationship which develops between the outreach worker and the teen parent. It is through this relationship that the teenager "buys into" values such as health, education, positive parenting practices, and sexual responsibility.

* Grant: \$240,000

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Delaware Adolescent Program, Inc

Wilmington, Delaware

Delaware Adolescent Program, Inc. (DAPI) was founded by physicians, social workers, educators, and community advocate as one of the first comprehensive alternative programs in the nation. For more than 31 years, Delaware Adolescent Program, Inc. (DAPI) has served pregnant and parenting teens. The program currently provides an alternative academic setting for pregnant and parenting teens who require or request the support of a smaller, more personalized classroom

environment with on site medical, social service personnel and daycare staff who specialize in the concerns of pregnant adolescents and their families. The project has established an enhanced follow-up strategy for returning students, curriculum enhancement, and a Grandparents program.

* Grant: \$300,000

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Children's Home Society

West Palm, Florida

The Children's Home Society "Transitions" Project provides an innovative community-based program of comprehensive care services for pregnant and parenting teen mothers, fathers, and their families in the West Palm Beach, Florida area. It is implemented during Florida's transition to "community-based" care, the privatization of all child welfare services and emphasizes development of parenting and independent living skills in at least 190 young parents. Volunteer mentors for teen mothers and fathers enhance case management and social services for participants. The project places emphasis on young teens (under 18) and a high-risk multi cultural population of pregnant and parenting youth. Program objectives are: 1) Increase incidence of healthy mothers and healthy babies; 2) promote adoption as a positive alternative to adolescent parenting; 3) reduce incidence of repeat pregnancy; 4) enhance parenting skills in teen mothers and teen fathers; and 5) increase rates of school completion and employability.

* Grant: \$200,000

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BETA Center, Inc.

Orlando, Florida

BETA Center, Inc., a private and non-profit organization, has served Greater Orlando for nearly 25 years. The organization began as a grassroots effort to provide counseling, basic needs, and shelter to women facing a crisis pregnancy with an emphasis on adolescents. With a mission of providing education and support to strengthening families, BETA Center has grown to serve over 25,000 children, adolescents and parents in the tri-county Greater Orlando area (Orange, Seminole and Osceola Counties). BETA's on site Adolescent Pregnancy & Parenting Program is the largest center serving this target audience in the tri-county area and has served as a model for programs in other geographic locations. This agency utilizes a school curriculum that provides free on-site developmental child care for clients' infants/toddlers. The program also provides a prenatal attachment program for pregnant clients, therapeutic counseling which includes using the creative arts as a therapeutic tool, case management, parenting education, and home visitation to curb school absenteeism. Home visitation is also used for crisis intervention and for post-partum visits to evaluate young mothers immediately after the birth of their child.

* Grant: \$300,000

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The Night Ministry

Chicago, Illinois

This project serves at-risk youth who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless in the City of Chicago. The program includes street outreach, medical screening, medical care for the pregnant teen, well-baby and pediatric care for infants and toddlers, counseling and case management services, as well as a host of therapy opportunities including: individual, group and multi-family. There are also opportunities for training in the areas of vocation, education, parenting, and health education.

* Grant: \$300,000

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Access Community Health Network

Chicago, Illinois

The Chicago Adolescent Parenting Program (CHAPP) has created a comprehensive, coordinated system of care for pregnant and parenting adolescents and their families that integrates the medical, case management, and peer support models of care within a community health care setting. The grantee partners with a local youth service agency to provide the peer support components in the target clinics at the time of the teen mother's pre- and post-natal appointments. Through this project, the grantee has expanded their services to reach additional neighborhood health clinics in targeted areas of Chicago to deliver prenatal and postnatal health care to young pregnant and parenting females.

* Grant: \$300,000

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Siouxland District Health Department

Sioux City, Iowa

Healthy Opportunities for Parents Experience Success (HOPES) program has expanded its care services and focuses on the highest risk population, teen parents and their children. HOPES provides specialized services to adolescent in the following areas: education completion, housing, and parenting skills. The entire support system including family and friends are a part of the program, so that the adolescent has access to as many supportive individuals as possible to become successful in their future and the future of their children. Fathers of the infants are a significant project focus. HOPES provides home visitation case management to new parents to establish a good foundation for parenting.

* Grant: \$300,000

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University of Maryland at Baltimore (UMB)
Baltimore, Maryland

The University of Maryland at Baltimore (UMB) Care program is a collaborative effort between the University of Maryland's School of Medicine and several collaborating organizations to provide a comprehensive Care program in the City of Baltimore. The BRIDGES TO HEALTH project is a home, community, clinic- and school-based approach to serving pregnant and parenting teens with an established home visiting program. In addition, the DADS program is an aggressive outreach program designed to reach teen fathers and teach them parenting skills and the importance of supporting their infants as well as finding employment. The objectives for the BRIDGES program focus on increasing knowledge and attitudes about child development among both pregnant and parenting adolescents, increasing parent-child interaction and increasing teenagers' life course as well as their children's. For the DADS program includes increasing their parenting roles, increasing their skills leading toward self-sufficiency and to reduce the fathering of additional children with a teen mother.

* Grant: \$445,583

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Garrett County Partnership/Child Families
Oakland, Maryland

The Garrett County Partnership for Children and Families is a 501(c)3 organization that serves as the Local Management Board (LMB) for Garrett County. In 1998, the Partnership negotiated a five-year Community Partnership Agreement with the State and County to improve result for children and families. The Enhanced Teen Services (ETS) project enhances Healthy Families Garrett County (HFGC) services to pregnant and parenting adolescents through the use of multiple strategies to address the diversity of adolescent parents needs, their partners and their immediate family members. The enhanced services include strengthening the development of a nurturing environment, promotion of decision-making and social skills, facilitating access to a continuum of job readiness programs. The HFGC-ETS project employs a combination home visitation model based on the nationally accredited Healthy Families American (HFA) program and the "Blueprints" Prenatal and Infancy Nurse Home Visitation.

* Grant: \$150,000

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University of Massachusetts
Worcester, Massachusetts

This project is a collaborative effort between the University of Massachusetts Department of Pediatrics and the Center for Women and Children of the MASS Memorial Health Care System to expand an existing Adolescent Pregnancy Clinic by including a Teen Tot Clinic for adolescent mothers, their infants, and a young fathers outreach program. On a yearly basis 100 pairs of teen mothers and infants are followed by the Teen Tot Clinic and 50 fathers (ages 15-25) are served

in the Fathers Outreach Program. On site, same site comprehensive interdisciplinary services for both teen mothers and infants are available in the Prenatal and Teen Tot Clinics coupled with intensive parenting education classes utilizing a "One-Stop-Shopping" model. The fathers outreach program, housed in a local Youth center, has a male outreach facilitator and uses a "Peer Interaction" model in a recreational setting with trained peer group leaders who assist in the program design and implementation. The outcome evaluation will be conducted with a comparison group of teen mothers, infants, and young fathers enrolled for care in an urban Family Health Center funded by the Department of Public Health.

* Grant: \$308,000

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Community Adolescent Resource Center, Inc.

Holyoke, Massachusetts

The Care Center, founded in 1986, is a non-profit, multi-service center for pregnant and parenting teens and their children that has provided a variety of education and support services to low-income teen mothers, and their children in the greater Holyoke area. The Care Center is one of the largest programs for pregnant and parenting teens in Massachusetts and has been instrumental in helping thousands of Holyoke's most isolated pregnant and parenting teens surmount a magnitude of emotional and educational obstacles in order to further their education, become employed, and create a better life for their families. The New Directions program combines an innovative, educationally enhanced curriculum with comprehensive support services designed to significantly increase the capacity, interest, and drive of young parents to excel academically and to develop the skills and motivation they need to lift their families out of a lifetime of poverty and despair.

* Grant: \$280,000

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Family Services, Inc.

Lawrence, Massachusetts

Established as a relief society shortly after the founding of the city of Lawrence, Massachusetts in 1846, Family Service, Inc. remains true to its original mission to strengthen individuals and families by building skills for successful home, work and community life. The agency is especially committed to reaching under-served and at-risk populations who face the stresses of poverty, family violence, aging, and linguistic and cultural isolation. Led by Family Service, Inc., the Lawrence Adolescent Family Life (AFL) Partnership is a collaboration of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Community Day Care, the Lawrence High School, and the Greater Lawrence Family Health Center. The Partnership implements a case management model for care services to pregnant and parenting teens, premised on professional experience and recent research concerning adolescent development, that links the currently fragmented care services in the city of Lawrence.

- * Grant: \$290,000
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Children's Hospital

Boston, Massachusetts

Project RAFT (Raising Adolescent Families Together) provides culturally appropriate comprehensive and individualized care for young parents and their families at Children's Hospital and Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, MA. Parenting groups are fully integrated with prenatal care, child/adolescent health services, mental health, life skills training, father's programming, and community services and are provided continuously from the prenatal period through age three. The intervention is based on the Nurturing, Teen Parents and the Law (TPAL) and Fatherhood Development Curricula. Goals of the group intervention are to enhance parenting skills, help participants optimize family interaction, and build self-efficacy.

- * Grant: \$300,000
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Saint Paul Public Schools

St. Paul, Minnesota

Saint Paul Public Schools, in collaboration with Health Start school-based clinic programs, has expanded its services to adolescent parents in two additional high schools sites. The goal of the project is to increase self-sufficiency and to foster secure attachments between adolescent parents and their children. A Youth Development Framework is used to promote connections to caring adults. The evaluation will provide outcome information that will guide program and policy decisions for the future of Saint Paul Public School students.

- * Grant: \$308,000
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Minneapolis Public Schools

Minneapolis, Minnesota

The Minneapolis Public Schools provides intervention through school-based intensive case management among pregnant and parenting teens who are either enrolled in traditional high schools without teen parent programs; enrolled in present high school teen parent programs but are lacking appropriate prenatal and case management services; or are teen fathers enrolled in participating high schools who need additional support. The overall goal of the project is to develop a broad based, comprehensive case management system to support improved outcomes for pregnant and/or parenting adolescents and their children in a high school setting. Through high quality case management, participants establish and complete their educational goals through receiving support, and learning parenting, self-care and life skills.

- * Grant: \$300,000
- * Contact: Barbara Kyle; 612-588-0850

Truman Medical Center

Kansas City, Missouri

The Truman Medical Center's Care Program, The StartRight Program, is a youth development approach of support and advocacy that provides challenging learning experiences through a model of enhanced clinic services. This program contracts with the teens to assure that optimal services are provided. The goal is to build the resiliency necessary for pregnant and postpartum adolescents to make a successful transition to a full and independent adult life. This program continues to build on its successes from a past OAPP Care grant, while integrating some unique and innovative new interventions. For example the project has included a grandparents component that assists mothers and fathers of teen parents with their child and grandchild. Additionally, a brand new technology resource center provides health education software that is designed mostly by the participating teens.

- * Grant: \$285,000
- * Contact: Kay Connelley; 816-556-3635

Atlantic County Division of Public Health

Northfield, New Jersey

The Teen Parent Partnership (TPP) is a community-based "birth through three" early intervention project and a unit of the Atlantic County Division of Public Health. The project is modeled after two principles of services "Hawaii" and "Healthy Families", which sought to lower the incidence of abuse and neglect in children through intensive home visitation strategies. TPP offers home visitation and support to pregnant and parenting teens, fathers or partners, as well as youth development for siblings and other family members. The project has extended services to include the city of Pleasantville, New Jersey with AFL funds.

- * Grant: \$225,000
- * Contact: Marilyn Budd; 609- 645-5935

Camden Board of Education

Camden, New Jersey

The School Based Youth Services program of the Camden Board of Education (SBYS), provides a multi-disciplinary school-based model of services to Camden High School and Woodrow Wilson High School, with a great deal of intensity and community support. SYBYS has extensive experience working with adolescents within the school system. The agency impacts pregnant and parenting adolescents with health, education, and social needs via school-based services. The concept to SYBYS is to create a "one stop shop" service delivery to adolescents attending these schools. Hours of operation are 8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, with

expanded evening hours and Saturday hours. The project also offers a summer program that provides employment initiatives and recreational activities.

* Grant: \$300,000

* Contact: Sharon Shields; 856-541-0253

Inwood House

New York, New York

This intervention provides services across a continuum to pregnant and parenting teens and the young men identified as their partners. The Inwood House project delivers several components which provide an intensive approach to serving adolescent parents. These components are designed to strengthen young people's capacity for education, employment, and parenthood and to provide them opportunities to experience personal growth and achievement. Some of the services include: a small group mental health program which focuses on sexuality, parenting and relationship issues; a recreational program which incorporates expressive artistic therapy group activities for the teens; a career development program; a family day care program; and a peer mentoring program.

* Grant: \$308,000

* Contact: Sylvia Muniz; 212-861-4400 Ext 264

Children's Hospital

Buffalo, New York

The Children's Hospital of Buffalo, NY is a hospital-based medical center with collaborative effort from Kaleida Health. As the lead agency, CHOB expanded and enhanced already present programs to include a Teen Tot Clinic and schools based clinics. The school-based program operates in two high schools, Kensington High School, primarily African Americans students on eastside of town; and Grover Cleveland, primarily Hispanics students on the westside of town. The CHB covers all core and supplement services as well as treatment of diseases and programs for disease prevention. Additionally, the CHOB uses the EPIC (Every Person Influences Children) program/curriculum, which is a parenting skill-building program for teen mothers and fathers. The most exciting part of this program/curriculum is that some teen fathers have shown interest and have been participating, mainly in the identified schools. The evaluation plan will focus on measuring the four kinds of outcomes. A comparison group will be used as well as a very sophisticated methodologies.

* Grant: \$290,000

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United Child Development Services

Greensboro, North Carolina

United Child Development Services has expanded its existing "Linkages for Prevention" program by providing intensive nurse home visitation services to additional first-time, expecting adolescent and adolescent parents. Trained nurses link families to community resources aimed at promoting health family functions and maximizing maternal and child health and development. Nurses conduct bi-weekly visits with the parenting adolescents until the infant reaches two years old. Linkages for Prevention have a fatherhood component as well. Its goal is to increase paternal involvement and to improve relationships between the parents for the betterment of the children. The males are offered one-on-one assistance and mentoring, group sessions, educational workshops, home visits and family outings.

* Grant: \$300,000

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Catholic Social Services

Dayton, Ohio

The Catholic Social Services Care project, Teen ParentLink Outreach in Neighborhoods program is a home and community-based collaborative designed to assess the service needs of young parents and help them to enhance their decision making skills and their self efficiency through involvement in their local communities. The intervention being tested combines strategies demonstrated as successful in prior demonstration projects as well as strategies that have not as yet been tried in this area. The project utilizes case management, supportive counseling, assessment and monitoring services for young parents in the target neighborhoods, and educational and employment counseling. These mechanisms are in place to help increase self sufficiency with the idea that it will decrease repeat pregnancy and increase the financial support of teen fathers.

* Grant: \$308,000

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Services United for Mothers and Adolescents (SUMA)

Cincinnati, Ohio

This Care program has established a comprehensive adolescent parenting program by combining, expanding, enhancing and integrating two separate parenting programs (one for young mothers and one for young fathers) under one umbrella program. This umbrella model offers an array of coordinated, comprehensive, and integrated support services to young mothers and fathers. SUMA's parenting programs are provided in case management style and focus on the young parents' personal, parental, educational and vocational development both pre- and post-natal.

* Grant: \$244,000

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Margaret Hudson, Incorporated
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Margaret Hudson, Incorporated's Care program have enhanced services they provide parenting and pregnant teens by adding a Male Involvement program and Health Enhancement Program to the Tulsa and Broken Arrow areas of Oklahoma. The targeted population is pregnant and parenting teens 11-19 years of age who attend either the Tulsa Margaret Hudson Program (MHP) or the Broken Arrow MHP program as well as the fathers, babies, and grandparents of the young women. The two project components added with AFL funds, are the Pointers of Parenting (POP) program offered to the fathers of the babies and a grandparents group established to reach out to the parents of the adolescent mothers. The Infant Health Enhancement provides an on-site Pediatric Nurse practitioner who conducts comprehensive health exams on the MHP infants and toddlers. The Maternal Health Enhancement Program provides another registered nurse (RN) who teaches Life Patterns (the parenting curriculum), conducts health exams and assessments and advocates for the teen and infant within the health care system.

* Grant: \$95,098

* Contact: Donna Walker; 918-746-9212

Community Counseling Center
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

The Community Counseling Center is a private not-for-profit agency certified as a comprehensive community mental health center by the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health. The New Directions project is a community-school partnership serving pregnant and parenting students in Oklahoma City. The project works to increase the number of pregnant and parenting students who complete high school, delay a subsequent birth until after graduation, and gain employment and parenting skills necessary to create a nurturing, self-supporting family unit. The project provides a child development and parenting education program utilizing a case management and home visitation model.

* Grant: \$300,000

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Mercy Hospital
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Mercy Hospital is a teaching hospital serving the City of Pittsburgh since 1847. The Department of Pediatrics is implementing the AFL care project in two economically depressed communities which have undergone radical changes in population over the past 40 years. The project is an expansion of a previous AFL project to include a comprehensive after-school and evening program for 200 pregnant and parenting adolescents, 150 infants, and 250 family members. The project also serves 100 young fathers. Another feature of this project is the establishment of an Adolescent Care Center that provides developmentally appropriate pediatric, obstetrical and gynecological services to the clients in addition to social and educational resources that facilitate

youth development. A major focus of this project is to increase the number of clients who complete high school and to reduce the number of repeat pregnancies. To achieve these objectives, project staff and community partners use an interdisciplinary approach in planning for and providing services. Two other unique features of the project include an aggressive home visitation component to involve families and a strong youth involvement component to ensure appropriate and quality care for adolescents.

* Grant: \$308,000

* Contact: Cindy Liberi; (412) 232-5833

Medical University of South Carolina

Charleston, South Carolina

This grantee is enhancing and expanding the current in-school services available in 1 high school to include 2 other middle "feeder" schools. The services are holistic and make up a youth development, school- and clinic-based, peer-supported, educational and case management model. The expansion allows for comprehensive medical care of the adolescent mother and her child, and coordination with existing services. In the in-school portion of the intervention, students that are identified as pregnant or parenting participate in weekly group meetings, education, and family activities, service projects, individual case management and counseling, day care and referrals as needed. The medical services offered before and after delivery are comprehensive and combine with case management activities for mother and baby. The project utilizes a holistic and "multi-disciplinary team" approach that will combine both in-school and in-clinic staff to serve the needs of the clients and their children.

* Grant: \$250,000

* Contact: Janice Key, MD; 843-876-1491

Rural America Initiatives

Rapid City, South Dakota

Rural American Initiatives (RAI) is a private, nonprofit, agency that targets Native American families in Rapid City, South Dakota. The program is built on a case management model which consistently provides follow through and home visits to adolescent participants. Parenting classes, educational and job opportunity counseling, and many other services are provided. The new project will enhance the case management services by implementing an intensive mental health component called the "Teen Survivor's Circle" for sexually abused participants. The percentage of participants that have sexual abuse issues is extremely high in this population and the project believes addressing these issues may lead to a reduction in repeat pregnancies and better outcomes for both the adolescent and her infant. The component uses a combination of the Break the Cycle curriculum (Charles Langdon) and materials from the "Ounce of Prevention" program out of Chicago, Illinois. Individual and group therapy is provided to all clients within the "Teen Survivor's Circle."

- * Grant: \$200,000
- * Contact: Bruce Long Fox; 605-341-3339

Children's Shelter of San Antonio

San Antonio, Texas

Children's Shelter of San Antonio is the lead agency in collaboration with the San Antonio Independent School District, the University of Texas Health Science Center, the Methodist Healthcare Ministries, El Centro del Barrio and Methodist Family and Rehabilitation Services in implementing a program for pregnant and parenting adolescent, their infants, male partners and family members in San Antonio. It is a non-profit, nationally accredited children's service agency, with 100 years experience in serving the community. This agency has 187 employees, both licensed and non-licensed. It proposes to establish the AFL project "MAS" with a goal of lowering both the teenage pregnancy rate, lower repeat and subsequent pregnancy rate, increase return to school for pregnant and parenting teens, increase the high school graduation rate for pregnant and parenting teens, improve the health of babies born to teen mothers and increase the rate of fatherhood involvement in the lives of newborn infants. This is a school-based project that is implemented in four high schools. The AFL project serves 190 pregnant clients, male partners and family members in per year. These clients are 86% Hispanic, 10% African American and 4% white. This agency has an excellent quality assurance program in place. In addition, it has two of the largest emergency shelters for children in the State of Texas. It is involved in a multitude of services including Foster Care and Bright Futures, a program for parenting teens. It has partnerships with a variety of health, education and social service agencies which provide an array of different services to all kinds of clients.

- * Grant: \$285,000
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The Austin Learning Academy

Austin, Texas

The Austin Learning Academy is implementing a Care program for pregnant and parenting teens in collaboration with the Austin Independent School District and other community-based service agencies. This program expands on an already successful Pregnancy, Education, and Parenting Program (P.E.P.) In three high schools. Relying on partnerships in the community, gaps in existing services are addressed. The project provides comprehensive school-based components designed to help pregnant and parenting teens graduate from school, obtain a GED, increase knowledge and practice positive and appropriate parenting skills and behaviors. Medical and social service case management, parent support groups and educational groups, individual counseling and education, teen fathers groups, speaker presentations, and transportation are provided. Successful Parenting for School-Age Parents (Texas Tech University) curriculum is utilized as a comprehensive guide to parenting education and life skills instruction for project clients.

- * Grant: \$280,000
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Promise House

Dallas, Texas

Promise House is a private, nonprofit, 501(c)(3) agency that has existed since 1984. The agency provides an extensive array of health and social services in the community, including adolescent pregnancy services to pregnant and parenting adolescents. It also has a residential component for some pregnant and parenting clients and serves as a haven for homeless and runaway youth. The agency has a program on substance abuse, transitional living, a day school program, a Child Placement Services component and a parent education program. It has a very professional and dedicated staff, many of them licensed by the State. The agency also receives funding from the State and the Federal Government to operate these programs. This AFL project serves mostly a Hispanic and African American population with comprehensive health, education and social services. Texas has the second highest pregnancy rate in the nation and Dallas has the highest rate in the State. The AFL project serves 100 parenting teens, 50 pregnant teens, 200 infants and young fathers in the project. The evaluation will focus on measuring the results of the comprehensive services offered by the project, particularly the reduction of repeat pregnancies, reduction of child abuse, increase of parenting skills, continuation of education and skill development in college or vocational schools for future employment.

- * Grant: \$308,000
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Planned Parenthood Center of El Paso

El Paso, Texas

Planned Parenthood of El Paso, Inc. (PPCEP) has been an advocate and a provider of women's health care and education for over 60 years. In 1998 PPCEP distributed a community needs assessment which identified the communities need for teen pregnancy prevention education starting in early adolescence. PPCEP's prevention program addresses this need using a multi-faceted approach. The first level of intervention is to change the cognitive scope of the participants and help them see beyond the present, to increase their self-esteem, change the balance from peer to parental influence, and help them develop achievement-based value systems. The "First Things First" Community Education Program aims to intervene at this level. This is a five-part workshop that is implemented in community-based organizations, housing projects and public schools. The approach is not only to achieve the goals of "First Things First," but to provide sexually responsible messages via communication between parents and their children. The Teen Outreach Program stresses involving youth in volunteerism .

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Arlington Independent School District
Arlington, Texas

The Arlington Independent School District (ISD) has increased the pregnancy and parenting services provided at four high schools by adding additional sessions of programming and a young fathers counselor. The Arlington ISD implements a program for adolescent fathers and provides a public health nurse for use all program participants. Individual and group activities provide information and guidance to participants and encourage school attendance. The AFL grant has also enabled the Arlington ISD to formalize a previously informal referral system so that pregnant and parenting adolescents may secure health care and social services for themselves and their infants. Transportation for project teens is available.

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Addison County Parent/Child Center
Middlebury, Vermont

The Learning Together parent training program utilizes an outreach-center-integration model of service delivery. Initially, each adolescent and her family has an outreach worker who visits in the home and helps to assess whatever support services are needed and wanted. The outreach worker provides the connection to any and all services offered in the community and assures that the services are coordinated, comprehensive and non-duplicative. The project consists of 6 basic components: On-the-Job, counseling, academics, parenting, job readiness activities and inter-personal skills. Participants spend the bulk of their hours in Learning Together, a job skills program, located at an on- the-job placement site with the remainder of the program time spent in a variety of classes, groups and private academic or counseling sessions.

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Northern Virginia Urban League, Inc. Youth Services
Alexandria, Virginia

The Northern Virginia Urban Leagues' Alexandria Resource Mothers Project (ARMS) is part of the community network promoting healthy behaviors and responsible parenthood through an intensive home-visitation support model for pregnant and parenting teens, infants and toddlers, fathers or partners, and family members. ARMS, with a consortium of committed community partners, has expanded their existing services to increase the Resource Mothers component, and develop a Male Mentor/Resource Fathers component. Furthermore, to address a myriad of issues related to teen pregnancy, the project promotes healthy birth outcomes; encourages effective parenting among teen mothers and fathers or partners; encourages effective parenting among family members involved; prevents school dropout; and discourages repeat pregnancies.

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Arlington Independent School District

Arlington, Virginia

The CARING EQUATION project adds essential components to a 15 year old program for pregnant and parenting teens housed in the Arlington County school system. Prior to Adolescent Family Life (AFL) funding, over half of the pregnant and parenting adolescents in Arlington County were not enrolled in school. The new Outreach component goes into the community and finds pregnant/parenting adolescents that are not currently in school and enrolls them in the alternative program. Project activities include case management, parenting education, vocational aide for both the pregnant and parenting teen and her family, life skills training and many other components. Clients are followed for 2-4 years. An enhanced young fathers program was added with AFL funds and is facilitated by a bi-lingual facilitator. Clients are primarily immigrant Hispanic adolescents, impoverished and not in touch with the services provided in the community.

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Washington Hospital Center

Washington, D.C.

"Teen Alliance for Prepared Parenting" (TAPP) is expanding its care services throughout the District of Columbia. The TAPP model employs the premise that subsequent pregnancy prevention is more likely to occur within a context of health services and an appropriate mix of social services and competency-building activities. Participants receive prenatal care, health education, parenting classes, and counseling services. Postpartum services consist of family planning and Maternal Child Health services; individual, group, and couple education and counseling; peer and adult mentoring. Referrals are made for pediatric care, mental health, social and family support services, GED preparation, job training and childcare. TAPP provides services from pregnancy through at least 24 months postpartum. Activities with fathers are coordinated with the Fatherhood Institute.

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Children's National Medical Center

Washington, D.C.

Healthy Generations provides comprehensive primary health care for adolescent parents and their children throughout the District of Columbia at the Children's National Medical Center (CNMC) adolescent clinic and the CNMC's Good Hope Road clinic. A multidisciplinary primary health care team sees adolescent mothers, fathers and their children at the same office visit. It allows the convenience of one stop shopping for health serves and integrates health and community services. Also, Healthy Generations implements a tiered system of home visitation

services based on the needs of the family. The program strives to strengthen adolescent parenting, encourage goal setting, increase the repeat pregnancy interval, and improve outcomes of the children of young parents.

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Rosalie Manor

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Supporting Today's Parents (STP) is a primary child abuse and neglect prevention program providing child development information and supportive services to first time Milwaukee County teen parents delivering in area hospitals. The overall plan of the project is to intensify the current services offered to teen parents in Milwaukee. The intervention starts with a hospital-based interview with delivering teen mothers to assess strengths and needs and moves on to home visiting services including parent education, resource linkages, case management and other services. After the initial hospital case assessment interview, clients are offered a variety of programming including: a teen fathers component; various case management services focused on goal setting, self-sufficiency, independent living skills, job experiences, and group parenting education; parenting and support groups for teen parents; a grandparents group; a monthly family activity program; a community service program; and an intensive summer program where teens will concentrate on independent living skills and youth development issues.

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